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Washington, D.C. 20505

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Ms. Emma Best  
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Reference: F-2019-00018

Dear Ms. Best:

This is a final response to your 20 September 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following record: **An unredacted copy of GUIDELINES FOR DECLASSIFICATION OF FINANCE RECORDS FOR THE PERIOD 1946-1950 (see CIA-RDP93B01194R000900020020-9 and CIA-RDP93B01194R000900020026-3, attached).** We processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 3141, as amended.

We have located and completed a re-review of the document responsive to your request and determined that additional information can be released in the document, consisting of three pages, with deletions continuing to be made on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(6). A copy of the document and an explanation of exemptions are enclosed. Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact us at:

Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505  
Information and Privacy Coordinator  
703-613-3007 (Fax)

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may reach CIA's FOIA Public Liaison at:

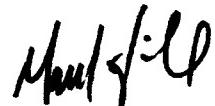
703-613-1287 (FOIA Hotline)

The contact information for OGIS is:

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Contacting the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,



Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

**18 MAY 1977**

**GUIDELINES FOR DECLASSIFICATION OF  
FINANCE RECORDS FOR THE PERIOD 1946-1950**

**1. GENERAL**

- a. All classified records, documents and information for which the Office of Finance (or its predecessor components) is responsible may be declassified after 30 years from date of original classification except those which contain information, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to:
  - (1) Cause damage to the national security;
  - (2) Lead to disruption of foreign relations;
  - (3) Place a person in jeopardy; or,
  - (4) Compromise intelligence sources or methods which require protection as prescribed by the National Security Act of 1947.
- b. Subject to approval of the Director, documents and information which would ordinarily be exempted from declassification under the above concepts may be declassified if it is determined that, based on prior official disclosure or other considerations, current or future equities clearly would not be adversely affected by declassification.
- c. All documents to be certified as requiring continued protection after 30 years may be retained at the Confidential level. Decisions on the year in which these documents will be re-reviewed for declassification will be made by the reviewer within the following limits: 50 years for COI, OSS or SSU; 60 years for CIG; and 75 years for CIA. (These periods begin with the date of origin of the classified documents.)

**2. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES.** Finance documents which, after review in accordance with paragraph 1 above, are found to contain information of the types described below will be certified as requiring continued classification at the Confidential level.

- a. Financial data indicating the magnitude, scope or thrust of the intelligence effort of the period such as:
  - (1) Facts and figures relating to the appropriations, budgets, obligations or expenditures of CIA or predecessor agencies, including total amounts, numbers of employees, details of budgets and expenditures, data on programs or activities, internal distribution or allocation of funds or requisitioning authorities, information on confidential funds, funds received or expended on behalf of other government agencies, etc.

- (2) Facts and figures relating to the Contingency Fund of CIA, the source of its funds and amounts or purpose for which such funds are released.

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- d. Information disclosing details of location, organization, cover, staffing and functions of CIA or predecessor agencies' activities and installations outside CONUS.
- e. Information which names or effectively reveals the identity of any human or technical source of intelligence, either actual or planned.
- f. Information disclosing cover arrangements, identity of cover organizations or entities, or the linking of a person or organization with U.S. Intelligence unless prior official disclosure of such information clearly makes it unnecessary to continue classification.
- g. Pseudonyms, cryptonyms and codewords are part of intelligence methodology, causing need for classification on a document containing such; however, if the document does not contain information of the type which would require protection under other provisions of these guidelines, it may be declassified after excision of the pseudonym, cryptonym or codeword.

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## Remarks:

The attached has been  
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 by the Director of Finance.  
 Please let me know if we  
 are to do more [redacted]

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## **Explanation of Exemptions**

### **Freedom of Information Act:**

- (b)(1) exempts from disclosure information currently and properly classified, pursuant to an Executive Order;
- (b)(2) exempts from disclosure information which pertains solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Agency;
- (b)(3) exempts from disclosure information that another federal statute protects, provided that the other federal statute either requires that the matters be withheld, or establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld. The (b)(3) statutes upon which the CIA relies include, but are not limited to, the CIA Act of 1949;
- (b)(4) exempts from disclosure trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is obtained from a person and that is privileged or confidential;
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- (b)(6) exempts from disclosure information from personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy;
- (b)(7) exempts from disclosure information compiled for law enforcement purposes to the extent that the production of the information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings; (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source or, in the case of information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source ; (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law; or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger any individual's life or physical safety;
- (b)(8) exempts from disclosure information contained in reports or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, or on behalf of, or for use of an agency responsible for regulating or supervising financial institutions; and
- (b)(9) exempts from disclosure geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

April 2012